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## IDOC Commissioner Recognizes Marion County Judge

Indianapolis, Indiana (December 17, 2009) – Monday, in a ceremony at the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center, Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Commissioner Edwin G. Buss recognized and thanked Marion County Superior Court, Juvenile Division, Judge Marilyn A. Moores for her commitment to the juvenile justice system.

Commissioner Buss presented Judge Moores with a Distinguished Hoosier Award signed by Governor Mitch Daniels. The Distinguished Hoosier Award is one of the highest awards given by the State of Indiana to its citizens. It is given at the discretion of the Governor to Hoosiers who have brought honor to the state through their character and accomplishments.

In addition, Commissioner Buss gave Judge Moores a commemorative, historic lock from the Indiana State Prison to thank her for her support of the IDOC and the rehabilitation of offenders. For instance, Marion County utilizes home confinement and electronic monitoring programs as alternatives to incarceration. Marion County has also instituted the Transition from Restricted Placement program for those juveniles being released from IDOC facilities.



Judge Marilyn Moores (far left) accepts the Distinguished Hoosier Award from IDOC Commissioner Buss (second from left), IDOC Executive Director of Youth Services Michael Dempsey (second from right), and IDOC Deputy Commissioner of Re-entry Randy Koester (far right).

“The IDOC is grateful to have such a positive relationship and partnership with Judge Moores and thanks her for her continuing work for juvenile offenders,” said Commissioner Buss.

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